



America's Refuge

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

—Psalm 46:1-7.

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Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.—Psalm 33:12.

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SOME THINGS WE ARE APT TO FORGET

We are not our own (1 Pet. 2:17).

The letter killeth but the Spirit giveth life (1 Cor. 3:6).

The pit from whence we were digged (Isa. 51:1).

We are a body of believers whose head is Christ (1 Cor. 12:27; Rom. 14:9-12).

We are the called-out ones (1 Cor. 1:2).

The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy (Rev. 19:10).

We are called to be a holy people (Isa. 62:12).

—Alta M. Fenton.

WHEN YOU BELIEVE GOD

You do not fret.

You do not murmur.

You do not doubt His love.

You do not question His leadings in your life.

You rejoice alway.

You count it all joy when you fall into divers temptations.

You are not envious.

You are at rest in Him.

You do not boast in the flesh.

You are not proud.

—Gospel Herald.

I Want To KNOW

Questions and Answers Department

Conducted by W. T. GASTON

Q.—*What are the reasons for so many denominations when all have the same goal?*

A.—That the religious world is weakened and the outside world confused by the schismatic state of the professing church, is apparent. These divisions and subdivisions can generally be traced to non-essential doctrinal disputes, political upheavals, ambitious leaders, and sundry trivialities. The great root cause, however, of schism in the body of Christ is lack of spirituality and genuine Christian selflessness. Carnal, Spiritless religion is consistently inconsistent. It strains at gnats and swallows camels; picks at motes, all unconscious of the beam; magnifies trifles, and trifles with magnitudes. For instance, one of the great historic churches sorely threatened with decay from dry rot and the termites of dignified worldliness, divided in the middle over whether or not musical instruments should be allowed in the church.

If it were possible to correlate the facts, we would perhaps discover that more injury has been done to the cause of Christ by carnal civil strife than by all the opposition of men and devils from without. True believers should seriously consider these things and "endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace" (Eph. 4:3). "Mark" and "avoid" them which cause division (Rom. 16:17).

There are times, however, when division is definitely of God. Our Lord came to bring division (Lu. 12:51). There can be no agreement between light and darkness or between believers and infidels (2 Cor. 6:14-18). That the cleavage wrought by the early reformers was led and blessed of God is not questioned by the well informed. In our day there is a natural and inevitable division between formal and spiritual religion. Toward which camp does your soul gravitate?

Q.—*Since in Bible times elders were ordained in every church, some having more honor than others in that they labored in the Word and doctrine, should we not also have several elders in our churches, the pastor being the overseer?*

A.—In New Testament times it would

seem that there were fewer churches and more people; also there was a greater effusion of the Holy Spirit, and consequently a greater per cent of the people were equipped with spiritual grace and gifts for a public ministry. It would be great could we have any number of men in our assemblies thus endowed, generally recognized and esteemed. We should bear in mind, however, that elders and bishops are not made by church councils or popular elections; only God can make an elder and even He must have suitable material. To multiply church officers without due regard to scriptural qualifications is to multiply church troubles. The church in our day that has one Spirit-enabled elder should join lustily in singing the doxology.

Q.—*If a person is not saved but interested, should he be admitted to the church before being saved?*

A.—No. It is the chief business of the church to attract, interest and convert the unsaved. It takes more than interest to qualify one for membership in the one institution of which Christ is the head. Interested souls must be led on to definite conversion and consecration before they can be fitted into the spiritual temple that is being reared from living stones (1 Pet. 2:5).

Q.—*When Christians backslide should they be baptized again when they are restored?*

A.—I see no scriptural warrant for this insistence on the part of some. Jesus died, was buried, rose again—once. By faith we are identified with Him. By baptism we show it forth to the world. That all subsequent sin and defection of believers should be thus publicly confessed or that water has any real or necessary place in the cleansing of sin, is not found in the Scriptures.

Q.—*Should not some way be found to encourage Christians to remember the Lord when making final disposition of their worldly goods?*

A.—The ability to make money and accumulate property is a gift from God and carries with it a definite responsibility to "remember the Lord" (Deut. 8:18). Alas!

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Christians and the War

(Excerpts from an article published in the Comforter, a South African Full Gospel publication.)

By FRED SQUIRE

WE ARE living in terrible days—days of intense blackness. Christians are groping and wondering just what steps they should take. Many ministers seem in doubt as to how they should advise their flocks.

Let me first say, the great need is for men and women of the British Empire (and we can say the United States as well) to get back to God, to again honor the Lord's day, to repent, and surrender unto Him. Then God will pour out the revival that we need.

As Christians our attitude toward this present conflict should be: (1) In accordance with the Word of God; (2) Void of all personal interests; (3) One of respect and toleration for the attitude of others; (4) Finally settled by our own conscience.

What does the Bible say regarding Christians and the state? "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's" (Mark 12:13-17). This shows us that we have very definite obligations to God and to those in authority. It does not enter into it whether the authority is Christian and absolutely sound, for Caesar was a heathen, yet Christ said, "Render to Caesar." This of course was in regard to paying tribute, or as we know it, paying taxes and all dues to those who have the right to demand them. Increased rates and taxes today are helping on the war and paying for munitions, airplanes, ships, etc., but there is no authority for not paying them; in fact you come under condemnation if you do not "render to Caesar" that which is due.

"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers" (Rom. 13:1). Moffatt says, "Every subject must obey the government authorities." Weymouth translates the same passage, "Let every individual be obedient to those who rule over him."

"Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey the magistrates, to be ready for every good work" (Tit. 3:1).

"Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors . . . for so is the will of God, that with well

doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men. . . Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king. Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward" (1 Pet. 2:13-18).

The above scriptures all have the same application and are referring to our position and duties as citizens. We are called upon as Christians to be subject to the supreme powers, even those who are not in sympathy with us and disagree with us. We are to submit and obey every ordinance.

Christians and Resistance. In regard to taking life, Jesus said, "Ye have heard that it was said to them of old time, Thou shalt not kill" (Matt. 5:21). Now, it is essential to find out the correct meaning of the word employed here in our Authorized Version. The Hebrew word used in the commandment for the word *kill* is *ratsach*, which means murder. Similarly the Greek word used here in this verse is *phoneuo* which also means murder. Weymouth, Moffatt, 20th Century, and other modern versions of the Scriptures translate the text thus, "Thou shalt do no murder, and whosoever commits murder shall be answerable to the magistrate." In other words, we are forbidden by God to take life when urged on by malice, hatred, lust, jealousy, thoughts of self gain.

In the same chapter Jesus said, ". . . but I say unto you that ye resist not evil" (Matt. 5:38-41). Yet the Bible also says, "Resist the devil." We must never resist when it is a question of personal injury or loss. Jesus when He was reviled, reviled not again. He was willing to bear and suffer Himself in order to save others. If it is just a matter of personal defense and resistance we are not to resist, but there is no word to suggest that we should not resist if in defense of the helpless and weak. It is the motive that counts every time. When Christian ideals are being challenged, when churches and communities are being swept aside, when helpless women and children are being murdered—to say the least, it is Christian to resist the devil to the utmost of our ability.

Christians and Defense. The preceding has touched on defense but there is another scripture: "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peacefully with all men (Rom. 12:18). "If it be possible . . ." which implies a doubt, and the existence of this very scripture is, I consider, authority for us to defend the right when it has been proved impossible to live at peace.

Christians and the Enemy. Christ said, "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you" (Matt. 5:44). Paul said, "Therefore, if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him to drink" (Rom. 12:20).

Here again the teaching of the Scriptures is spiritual and practical. There should be no hatred in our hearts, no matter what the circumstances may be. We should have the spirit of love within us even for the enemy. Just as God loves even the vilest sinner, so should we as His followers manifest that spirit of love. God hates sin but loves the sinner. We all hate the vile ways of the enemy but we should have that love for their souls. Again, it is the teaching of Christ that we should always be ready to help the enemy if they are in need. If one of the enemy is found in a wounded, hungry or thirsty condition, it is our business to tend to the wounds, to feed or give drink, and to pray for him. Christ died for His enemies.

Christians and Suffering. In Luke 10 we read the story of the Good Samaritan. This story teaches us that it is our business to care for those who are in need. If wounded and suffering, it is not for us in the first place to ask questions concerning the moral or spiritual or national standing of the person. Whether he sustained the injuries through his own folly or even whether he were an aggressor or defender, should be of no concern to the Christian. The first job is to tend to the wounds, bind them, and do all in our power to alleviate the suffering. It should not be our concern primarily what kind of a uniform is being worn, or what language the sufferer speaks;

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CURRENT SIGNS

A DIGEST OF CURRENT EVENTS IN THE LIGHT OF PROPHECY—BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

Cheap Religion

America is considered a Christian nation, yet according to *Lookout* it gives only a little over a million dollars a day for religion, or about three cents a day per person. The figure is based on the financial reports of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish bodies and covers church funds, missions, and benevolences. In contrast,



Americans spend ten million dollars a day for liquor, ten times as much as for religion.

Tax on Blood

Blood is tangible, personal property, Colorado Sales Tax officials decided, and Coloradans must pay the two per cent state sales tax on transfusions that they receive from "Blood Banks."

However, the "precious blood of Christ" is tax free.

Executioner Wanted

When Sing Sing's executioner died, there were over 10,000 applications for the job and 20 per cent of them were from women.

Getting Better?

When the Titanic sank in 1912 the passengers sang, "Nearer, My God, to Thee" as they went down; but when the City of Benares was sunk in 1940, passengers went to their watery graves singing, "Roll Out the Barrel."

Your Share of Debt

If you are a worker and have been on regular pay long enough to get all your bills paid, do not jump at the conclusion you are out of debt. Your share of Uncle Sam's 48 billion dollar debt is nearly \$1,000.

Challenging Facts

We are told that there are 10,000 villages in America without a church, and 30,000 villages without a resident pastor. In San Francisco only five per cent belong to Protestant churches. Only eight per cent

of our nation attend services on Sunday mornings and two per cent Sunday evenings. About forty per cent of the American people are on church registers but only twenty-five per cent ever attend church at all.

Women Smokers

Sex has reared its head in Britain's cigaret crisis. Grumbling London men blamed the lack of smokes today on purchases by feminine consumers. Some retailers have refused to sell cigarets to women. "Some of them," snorted a dealer, "go from shop to shop buying all they can. They do this while men are working." Other dealers reported "hell hath no fury like a woman spurned" on a cigaret hunt. One said, "They accuse me of hiding them under the counter."

New Mark

"An ink that is invisible unless exposed to ultra-violet light has been developed to provide a fool-proof identification system for national defense workers," says an International News Service dispatch. "Ink marks stamped on an employee's forehead or hand are non-transferable, perspiration-proof, and resist washing and ordinary wear."

Is this a method such as the Anti-Christ or False Prophet will use in causing all "both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads"? (Rev. 13:16).

Man vs. Machine

The National Safety Council reported on the last day of January that 96,500 persons were killed in accidents in the United States in 1940 and that 9,100,000 others were injured. The economic loss is estimated at over \$3,500,000,000.

What Price Arms

Some idea of how far the huge appropriations for re-arming the nation will go may be obtained by studying unit costs of typical equipment which must be bought in staggering quantities to equip a modern fighting force. Pointing out they will vary from plant to plant, official sources estimate the following prices of some supplies for the armed services: 37-mill. anti-air-

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WALK QUIETLY

*Walk quietly
And know that He is God;
When the dawn, on winged steed, comes riding
high,
To blazon painted banners o'er the morning
sky,
And the Holy Spirit seemeth nigh,
Walk quietly.*

*Walk quietly
And know that He is God;
When the blaring trumpets road a thrilling beat,
Life is lived in storm and strife, and noonday
heat,
'Mid the mighty tread of tramping feet,
Walk quietly.*

*Walk quietly
And know that He is God;
Let your life be governed by His guiding hand,
E'en though it varies from the way you planned,
Bow your head in sweet submission, and
Walk quietly.*

—Selected.

OF INTEREST TO PREACHERS . . .

Brother C. P. Smales of Placerville offers the following helpful suggestions for preachers regarding filing and collecting sermon material:

"Purchase vertical guide cards at any stationery store, and instead of using them alphabetically, I use gummed paper and paste subject guides on the cards, such as: Atonement, Bible, Christ, Christian Life, Christian Sabbath, Church, Comfort, etc.

"Sermons may be filed in large 8½ by 11 in. envelopes under the above general headings. For example, under the heading 'Christ,' one may have the following sub-heads: The Compassion of Christ, Christ the Way, the Bread of Life, the Suffering Christ, etc. Sermon topics should be written on the outside of the envelopes.

"I also have an index file with the same general headings, using the small cards, 3 by 5 in. I jot down suggestions for sermons gleaned from reading and listening to other ministers. In addition I have an indexed card for all the books of the Bible. Many times while reading the Bible thoughts present themselves and these may be written down and filed in this manner. For example, under Songs of Solomon, we have: S. S. 2:15, the Little Foxes, and then follows a list of little foxes that hinder our lives."

Walking with God . . .

By WILLIAM O. KOENIG

"And Enoch walked with God; and he was not for God took him" (Gen. 5:24).

Enoch was the bright star of the patriarchal epoch. His record is short but eloquent. He was a devout man, a fearless preacher of righteousness, and a friend of God. Enoch was the only man in his dispensation that did not see death.

The name Enoch means "to instruct; to dedicate." Enoch was a man instructed in the things of God and his life was dedicated to God. As Enoch, so we should be instructed and established in the Word and in the things of God; and in order to successfully walk with God, our life must be dedicated to Him.

Regarding Enoch's religious conduct, we read, "And Enoch walked with God." Here was a man who was determined, regardless of the cost, to live and walk with his Creator.

We find also that he was placed in peculiar circumstances. There were giants in those days, physical and intellectual giants; men and women who followed in the way of Cain, desiring to live after the flesh, despising the good, choosing and indulging in the evil. Is this not a picture of the nations today? On one hand you have the Enochs; on the other those who desire wickedness. We are living in days of sifting. As the wheat is sifted from the chaff, so there is a separation going on between the children of God and the children of Satan. Today it is not difficult to distinguish between a saint and a sinner as there is a marked difference. So in those ancient days Enoch walked alone with his God.

Notice the height of piety to which he arrived. He was cleansed of all filthiness of the flesh, having no intercourse with the things of this world; therefore he perfected holiness in the fear of God. Not only was his soul purified but also his body so that without death he was immediately translated into paradise. In short, Enoch attained a height of spiritual excellence in his time when there was no written law or a divine revelation. If the grace of God could work such a mighty change in primitive times when life and immortality were not brought to light by the gospel, what may we not expect in these times when the

Son of God tabernacles among men, when God gives the Holy Spirit to them that ask, and when all things are possible to them that believe?

Enoch did not have greater spiritual advantages than other patriarchs although it seems evident he put them to better use than they did. But it is self-evident that he did not have greater spiritual helps and advantages than Christians can now expect. Enoch lived under a dispensation much less perfect than the law, and yet the law was only a shadow of the glorious substances of the gospel blessings and privileges.

It is soul-stirring to read, "And Enoch walked with God." He knew God as One who could be approached in prayer and communion, who was sympathetically responsive to man's needs. Walking is the habitual exercise of man. The outcome of running is strain and exhaustion. To walk with God a steady pace is to fulfill the foundation and highest rule in spiritual. To walk onward and upward is to grow in excellency and in grace. The words, "walked with God," imply an unbroken, well-sustained communion with God. With sublime and lofty aspirations Enoch arose above shadows, idols, discouragements, and with simple faith, grasped the unseen substances and reality, a personal God.

To walk with God implies harmony. "The carnal mind is enmity against God." There must first be a reconciliation. The scriptures declare, "How can two walk together except they agree?" We have harmony of sound called music; harmony of thought called poetry; harmony of color called beauty. Because of sin man is out of harmony with his Creator, for sin is disagreement, rebellion, alienation, mutiny, discord.

To walk with God means to keep the commandments of God. Enoch had neither wealth, fame nor power, but he was distinguished by his heart purity. In the spiritual realm, a man is measured not by gifts but by graces, not by intellect but by his likeness of God.

Again, to walk with God means progress. There is no standing still. The eyes are fixed on the shining heights; all shadows are doomed. There was no break in Enoch's spiritual course for it was a continual

growth and progress until the light of eventide deepened into the glory of heaven.

"And Enoch pleased God." Two special qualities are indispensable to those with whom God is pleased: first, faith (Heb. 11:6); and, second, uprightness (1 Chron. 29:17). Notice the simple and childlike faith manifested by Noah and by Abraham. Their faith was severely tried but they came forth victorious. Essentially there is no difference between Enoch's day and ours. The unbelief and doubt of Cain is in all. We have the same inducements and the same temptations. But in spite of these Enoch pleased God. Faith embraces reverence, love and obedience. The highest tribute one can pay to another is to fully trust him. Such faith God desires and accepts. Such faith builds noble character and a lofty life.

"Enoch was not, for God took him." This old world did not want Enoch any longer. No doubt the people were glad to get rid of him. His holy and blameless life was a constant rebuke to their godlessness. Sin seemed a deeper black in the light of Enoch's purity. But God took him from the midst of his generation unto Himself.

Notice the three complete men in heaven: Enoch from the patriarchal dispensation; Elijah from the Jewish dispensation; and Christ from the Christian dispensation. There was no great display at Enoch's translation as there was at Elijah's. It was a quiet and beautiful consummation. The moonlight rose into sunlight; the sweet calm light of a starlit sky became flushed with tints of a brilliant new day.

Enoch was translated. The word "translation" means "promotion and expansion." The final translation of the saints is to be one of promotion in honor, office and privilege. We have the message of Christ, "Occupy until I come," but after a due season of labor we will hear the new message, "Come up higher." The rule of the Divine Kingdom is to be faithful in that which is least and then ruler over that which is much. Translation means elevation to higher duties and enjoyments without the agonies of disease, with the sharpness of

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Introducing . . .

Our Napa Church

About eighteen years ago, at the home of Brother Peter Lass in Napa, a group of believers met together to seek for the deeper things of God. The Hitchcock Sisters of Oakland, and also Sister Gordon, were the instruments used by the Lord to lead the people into a Pentecostal experience.



Pastor and Mrs. Joseph Stark

As time went on, others became interested and the attendance increased. Within six months thirty-six persons were baptized in the Holy Ghost, and the rich blessing of the Lord rested on the little band. By this time the home of Brother Lass was proving to be too small to accommodate the number who were attending the services and so a larger building was secured in the downtown section. Brother W. C. Anderson became pastor, and following his ministry Brother Smith was called as a successor. Later Brother E. J. Cornwall and also Brother Paul Franklin served as pastors.

It was in 1929 under the leadership of Brother J. S. Farrar that the present building at 715 Franklin Street was purchased. The auditorium, 60 by 45 feet in size, has a seating capacity of 200. There are Sunday School rooms, a prayer room; and a commodious six-room parsonage is built in the back of the church.

A number of faithful ministers served the church, and in addition to those mentioned were Brother Robert Doherty and Brother Clarence Lebeck. Brother and Sister Joseph Stark assumed the pastoral work the first of this year, and they report that the spiritual tide is rising in all departments of the assembly. The Christ's Ambassadors are going forward under the leadership of Ray Moyer. At a recent meeting seven new active members were added to the roll, making a total C. A. membership of 20. The young people also comprise a choir.

In connection with the activities of the church, jail meetings are conducted each Sunday afternoon. Recently two men were definitely saved at one of the services and made confession of Christ as their Saviour. Services are also held in the county infirmary. The Sunday School has an enrollment of 100, an increase of 25 per cent since the first of the year.

Pastor Stark says, "We want to give God all the glory for what He has done through His ministers who have been faithful in sowing the precious seed of the Word of God here in Napa, and we remember the words of the Apostle Paul, 'We are all laborers together with God . . . one planteth, another watereth, but God giveth the increase.'"

The flowers of Christian graces grow only under the shade of the Cross, and the root of them all is humility.

Full Gospel Tabernacle
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MY VESTURE

*I wonder who he was,
The man who gambled for, and won, and
wore
That robe of Calvary.
Was he one who said, "This is God's Son
In verity"?*

*Since then have many been
Who wore the suave, religious, covering
cloak
For all mankind to see,
Who have not been dressed in His right-
eousness
In verity.*

*Lord, grant I may not be
The man who wears Thy glorious, seamless
robe—
The spoils of Calvary—
And yet has failed to "put on Christ" in
truth
And verity.*

—HELEN EDWARDS.

QUESTIONS

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how often Christians forgetting this eternal truth shrivel their souls and rob their future to leave money that all too often spoils and curses those for whom they have prayed.

A certain wealthy woman was converted in a humble meeting in the southland some years ago. She was so very happy to find reality and true heart satisfaction after the years in vanity and pride. "I mean to do something worth while with my money," she confided. "All my relatives are ungodly. They will foolishly squander my money if I leave it to them." But she died suddenly without having made any investment in the kingdom of God.

It is both natural and Christian to provide as fully as possible for those we love, but what about our profession of supreme love to Christ who for our sakes became poor that we through His poverty might be rich? Christians should think and pray about these matters, and act in the light of eternity as becometh saints before it is too late.

We hear of "atom-smashing" scientists, "nation-smashing" dictators, "pulpit-smashing" preachers, but there is only one "sin-smashing" Christ.

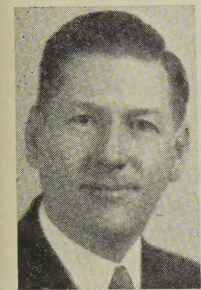
The VOICE of the District Superintendent

"Workers together with Him"

Dear Friends of the Fellowship:

It is said that there is a certain church in England where a box hangs on the porch.

It is used for communications for the pastor. Recently the minister preached a sermon, by request, on "Recognition of Friends in Heaven." During the following week this note was found in the box: "Dear Sir: I should be much obliged if you could make it



Leland R. Keys

convenient to preach to your congregation on 'The Recognition of Friends on Earth,' as I have been coming to your church for nearly six months, and nobody has taken any notice of me yet."

The writer found the following letter one time in his Monday morning mail. It was addressed to the church of which he was pastor at the time. It is given here exactly as written.

Dear Friends:

I attended your church Sunday because I was badly in need of a little moral support. Away from home visiting my family who are not in sympathy with my new ideas I am almost beginning to doubt them myself. Surely, I thought, if I can go to church and say "Praise the Lord" to just someone who doesn't think it's silly I can hold fast all I have. I went into church just before the service started. No one spoke to me. After the service started one woman passing by said "Good morning, Sister." (May God bless her.) After the service, through which I had held my young son against his will, I walked slowly to the door and slowly down the walk. Two women were praising the Lord loudly in the doorway. People were shaking hands on all sides but no one spoke to me at all.

I am writing this not in hard feelings. There are doubtless many fine people

who could have said just the word I needed had they only thought. Surely God who has drawn me close to Him through your people is as anxious that I should stand as that I should start. If I had been full of God's Spirit you would have welcomed me selfishly for what you could gain from me. If I had been fallen very low you would have welcomed me *selfishly* for the honor you could gain from God! But because I am merely another stranger I am hardly worth a second glance. "Probably," you say, "she won't come back anyway." And you are probably correct. It's not my fault I am new in the way and that I feel strange and ill at ease in your church. It's not my fault that I don't know how to introduce myself to you. Not all the coldness in all the Pentecostal churches in California with a few ——— thrown in can make me turn my back on this new gift of God but the next stranger might not be so secure. In the name of Him who said "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my little ones ye have done it unto me," I pray you to speak to the next stranger.

(Signed) ———

Now it so happened that the church had a welcoming committee, appointed by the pastor, to stand at the door and welcome people as they came in; however, "the best laid plans of mice and men" sometimes go awry and that is what happened in this case. Now this good sister was somehow unintentionally passed by but the fact remains that she had come from the loneliness and coldness of her environment, hoping for the glad welcome, and the warm handclasp of those of her own faith and fellowship and had not received it. She went from the church as lonesome as she came. When this letter was read to the congregation the following Sunday morning there was an audible groan of astonishment and chagrin; our people made a renewed effort to welcome the stranger in our midst.

It is quite amazing the large number of

strangers who visit the services of our churches during the course of a year. Some of these are doubtless members of other churches who have come out of curiosity to hear the new preacher, and will return to their own church when their curiosity has been satisfied. Others are casting about in search of spiritual food, and a church home. Often the visitor comes from a sister church of our faith in some other city. But in any case they should receive a welcome that is warm and cordial. There should be a definite "come again" attitude upon the part of the people of the church visited. People like to be wanted.

The objection might be raised that if people are really hungry for God they will come back to the services whether anyone speaks to them or not. Doubtless many do; that is fortunate for us. On the other hand it would be interesting to know how many do not come back for the lack of the glad hand of warm welcome and the word of appreciation for their presence.

There are some churches where the atmosphere is so warm and friendly that one feels immediately at home. Others possess a distant and cold spirit. All will agree that even the most excellently prepared meal loses some of its deliciousness if eaten in a refrigerator.

It is not enough to set the food on the table, cry "Come and get it," and then take a stand-off attitude. We must do all in our power to persuade men to "Come and dine," and a cordial, friendly attitude will do much toward accomplishing this. If we fail to show an interest in those who come into our churches there is small likelihood that they will be interested in the cause which we represent.

Now for two or three practical suggestions. Every church can have those who are especially appointed to look after welcoming all who enter the church. In the case of the smaller churches the ushers can do this. In the larger churches a committee can be appointed to stand at the door for this purpose during the preliminary

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News FROM HERE AND THERE

By ALBERT J. LEBECK, Field Reporter :: 2622 W Street :: Sacramento, California

ATWATER—Pastor George Wood reports that recently several souls were saved at the regular Sunday services. Also he writes the Sunday School has shown a marked increase in attendance.

BOONVILLE—Pastor Glenn Akers reports that at a recent Sunday night service a sister received an old-fashioned Pentecostal experience, for which all are praising the Lord.

CAMPBELL—Brother J. C. Helms who has been conducting meetings in one of the District tents, reports a gracious revival. He writes: "We had a 'break' three nights ago. The tent was full and people fell under the power of God. Some 15 or 20 were prayed for for healing. Many are seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost."

CERES—During the month of June Evangelist Irl J. Walker held a revival campaign for Pastor Vernon Murray.

ESCALON—Evangelist Irl J. Walker closed a campaign for Pastor C. Ely Persing the last of May.

A union baptismal service was held June 18 with members and pastors of the Manteca and Salida assemblies co-operating.

William Skondeen of Tracy was guest speaker for the C.A.'s June 13.

Pastor Carl Gunderson of Manteca supplied the pulpit Sunday, June 15, during the absence of Brother Persing who was guest speaker at Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco.

Evangelists Leonard Rogers and Guy Renfrow closed a very successful campaign on June 15. This was the last revival meeting together after eighteen years of team work as Brother Rogers was married on June 16.

FALLON, NEV.—Brother and Sister Clyde Billings succeeded Brother and Sister Paul Charles, who resigned the pastorate after two years' ministry.

FORT BRAGG—Pastor E. P. Johnson and his people were hosts to the Lake and Mendocino Counties fellowship meeting on June 2. Brother Westfall of Calpella was the afternoon speaker, and Pastor R. E. Ray of Ukiah brought the evening message.

GRASS VALLEY—The South Sacramento Valley fellowship meeting was held June 9 with Pastor M. B. Moore. Pastor W. J. Griggs of Wheatland was the morning speaker, Pastor E. L. Lassegues of Placerville brought the afternoon message, and Brother W. T. Gaston of Sacramento spoke in the evening.

JANESVILLE—John and Pauline Mastries are temporarily supplying the pastorate following the resignation of Sister Zelma Strasdin.

LOCKFORD—A three weeks' campaign was held from May 18 to June in one of the District portable tabernacles. Brother Stanley McPherson was the evangelist, assisted by Sister McPherson and the young people of the Lodi Glad Tidings Tabernacle.

LOVELOCK, NEV.—Sister Bernice Shliecker writes: "We are continuing the special meetings with Brother Lester Larson for another week, which makes the third. The attendance has been very good and our own people seem to be taking a new hold on things. Last week a young man was saved, and a number have raised their hands for prayer night after night. We are praying that they will surrender to God this week."

MODESTO (Airport Assembly)—Pastor Ernest M. Adams reports a good revival was recently held by Evangelist Thomas Gray. Souls were saved and baptized in every service.

(Bethel)—Pastor Donald G. Weston and his people were hosts to the North San Joaquin District fellowship meeting on June 2. The speakers for the three services were: Evangelist Leonard Rogers, Evangelists Guy Renfrow, and Pastor Vernon Murray. A ministers' meeting was conducted at one o'clock with District Superintendent Leland R. Keys presiding.

OAKDALE—Brother Kenneth Jillson of Riverbank held a week's revival for Bethel Church where Marjorie Maddocks and Betty Everton are pastors.

OAKLAND (Gospel Light)—Pastor Irving Ford writes: "C. J. Fuller assisted by several of his sons conducted a revival in May. Jack and LaVonne Opie held a two weeks' campaign in June. Mrs. Bernice Mast is scheduled to conduct a Summer Vacation Bible School, July 20 to August 8. During this time she will also hold evangelistic services with illustrated messages.

(First Pentecostal)—Evangelist William Nagel held a brief series of meetings from June 3 through June 8.

ROSEVILLE—Robert Carrington, C.A. sectional chairman, sends the following report: "We would like to report a good rally held May 26. Robert Cull of Lincoln was in charge, and from the beginning the presence of the Lord was in our midst. Brother Ben Moore of Grass Valley preached a message that was well suited to young people, and it was good to hear the prayers of consecration around the altar at the close of the message."

SACRAMENTO (Bethel)—"The Lord has been blessing the Sacramento C.A.'s during the past few weeks. After having nightly prayer meetings for nearly three weeks, the Lord gave us a real outpouring during a C.A. service. The

power of the Lord fell on us, and we remained in the prayer room from 6 p. m. until about midnight. What a wonderful time we had! Four of our C.A.'s received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and each one of us were refilled. Since that meeting there is a noticeable change in our group as a whole. Everyone seems to have such a desire to serve the Lord and work for Him. Our street meetings have been better than usual, and also our plaza meetings. May this report encourage other C.A. groups to keep on praying as we know the Lord can do the same for others that He has done for us."—Cora Thompson, Corresponding Secretary, Bethel Temple C.A.'s.

SALYER—The Redwood District fellowship meeting was held with Pastor Wesley Bliss on June 9. The afternoon message was brought by Sister Stuart of Weitchpec, and in the evening Brother E. R. Gomes of Rohnerville brought the message. There was a good crowd in attendance and the Spirit of the Lord rested upon the people in a gracious way. There were several persons at the altar for salvation and healing.

SAN LEANDRO—Brother Fred L. Prewitt writes: "I am the pastor again of the little flock here and am glad to be of service. Our Sunday School is growing and we are encouraged with the work. We conducted our second baptismal service yesterday since we opened the work a year and a half ago. We have a fine young people's service each Friday. There were between 125 and 150 present last Friday."

SUSANVILLE—Evangelist F. J. Betts held a four weeks' campaign during the month of May for Pastor Alfred McBride.

TUOLUMNE—Brother Raymond Murray was speaker at a C.A. rally held June 9.

TURLOCK—Evangelist William Nagel ministered in Bethel Temple from May 27 to June 1, and Pastor H. E. Alford reports that the meetings were a real blessing to the church. Many outsiders attended the services.

WEED—Pastor A. Byron League reports that new Sunday School rooms have been completed recently, thus providing more space for the primary classes. A new study for the parsonage is also under construction.

WEDDING BELLS

A beautiful wedding ceremony was held in Bethel Temple, Turlock, on June 16 at which time Miss Medora Combs and Evangelist Leonard Rogers were united in marriage. District Superintendent Leland R. Keys officiated. A reception was held at the bride's home following the ceremony which was attended by several hundred guests.

PERSONAL MENTION

John A. Lindvall is engaged in a tent meeting in Waterbury, Conn., in an effort to open a new work in that city of 100,000 population. He states that New England is a needy field for there are many large cities without any Pentecostal church whatsoever.

Recently John Nicolich spoke in Brother Wesley Steelberg's church in Philadelphia. He writes that he is now on his way to California.

J. W. Long, who was recently engaged in evangelistic work in this District, has accepted a call to the pastorate of Sunnyside, Wash.

Evangelist and Mrs. Floyd R. Hoole expect to continue their labors for the Lord in the Midwest but will be returning to California around Christmas time.

Brother Louis G. LaPorte recently spoke at the Yakima, Wash., camp meeting. He plans to go to Idaho and Montana in evangelistic work.

From Douglas, Ariz., comes a letter from Brother Reinhold Henke who states that he is supplying the pastorate there temporarily and that he is conducting an evangelistic campaign at the present time. Recently he began a radio program.

Evangelistic campaigns were recently held in Oroville and Redding by Evangelist and Mrs. Wm. T. Scott.

While conducting special meetings in Pacific Grove, Evangelist Harry A. Yaeger felt a burden to do something for the soldiers at the large camp there. He secured 1,000 Testaments from the American Bible Society and arranged a special rally service at which time the Testaments were dedicated and formally presented to Colonel Hal Head, chief of chaplains at Fort Ord. The service was both impressive and effective. A number of soldiers were saved in the meetings at Pacific Grove, and Brother Yaeger also was privileged to minister the gospel at the Fort on invitation of the chaplains.

Brother Robert Shaffer writes: "Another season of school has ended at the Canyonville Bible Academy in Canyonville, Oregon, and we can report the blessing of the Lord upon the school. C. B. A. has witnessed an unusually active and progressive year. New standards of efficiency have been gained; new features have been added to the school; and material improvements have been made. Great things are anticipated for C.B.A. in the new school term which begins in September. Students desiring the fellowship and inspiration of a Christian high school education at a price they can afford to pay are invited to write for further information."

Brother and Sister H. W. Brown, pastors at Flagstaff, Arizona, are being congratulated on the birth of a son who arrived June 19. He has been named Phillip Farrell.

Pastor W. T. Gaston of Sacramento will be speaker at the Arroyo Grande (San Luis Obispo) camp meeting August 8 to 17.

PORTUGUESE WORK

It has been my privilege to labor among the Portuguese people for the past sixteen years. These have been years of hard toil with apparently little results, but nevertheless we praise God for what has been accomplished in His Name.



J. I. Rodrigues

Many people know very little about the Portuguese people but history shows there have been some outstanding navigators and discoverers among their number. Such men as Vasco de Gama, Magellan, and Cabrillo were Portuguese. Magellan can be credited with being the first circumnavigator. John Philip Sousa was of Portuguese descent. During the fourteenth century the little country of Portugal was the wealthiest nation of the world. I learned at the Exposition that 75 per cent of the dairy industry in this State is under Portuguese control. At the present time, from Visalia, to Eureka, seventeen daily radio broadcasts are made in the Portuguese language.

In one of the issues of the *Evangel* last January, Brother Noel Perkin wrote an article regarding the work in the Belgian Congo, stating that the territory allotted to the Assemblies of God in that region would perhaps take in 100,000 people. This is a large number, but yet few people realize there are three times that number of Portuguese right at our doors in California who need the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Some may ask, What can we do? What is the need? How can these people be reached? First of all let me say that they are not an easy people to reach with the gospel as the majority of them are steeped in Roman Catholicism although there are approximately one hundred families in the State now who are really Christians. There are two needs: first, there is a demand for house-to-house workers; and then the urgent need for at least twice-weekly radio broadcasts that would cover the northern part of California. At the present time we have a weekly broadcast from KRE, Berkeley, each Sunday morning at 7:30 o'clock, but we feel this is not sufficient.

This is a large missionary endeavor which requires the expenditure of money

with which to carry on the work, and in no way can we make it self-supporting with the small number of workers who are engaged in proclaiming the gospel. Will you pray with us that God will supply the necessary financial needs and that the Word of God will find a place in the hearts of those thousands of Portuguese who reside at our door?—J. I. Rodrigues.

WORD FROM WESLEY YAEGER

A letter from Brother Wesley Yaeger, who has been laboring in South Africa for some time, states that recently the meetings have been blessed with some remarkable healings. As a result the churches have proved inadequate to accommodate the crowds and it has been necessary to rent larger halls.

One child was healed that had no skull on the left side of her head, and a large growth had developed. Two weeks after prayer all signs of the affliction had disappeared. One lady who had a cancer on her tongue was healed overnight. A young girl with a serious skin disease and who had been given up by doctors as a hopeless case, was healed by the Lord and her face is as clear as anyone's. A small boy of four years of age who had not been able to walk from birth, was prayed for and is now walking.

Brother Yaeger says, "I miss all the brethren, but we all have sung the song, 'I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord!' so I guess it is for me to be away from home and friends. But I am praying for all of you over there and appreciate your prayers for me. Pray for the missionaries here; they need it. When I will be home again, I cannot say; there are other fields calling me and I feel I must go. My travels are hindered some because of the war. My regards to the friends of the District."

CURRENT DIGEST

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craft gun, \$20,000; 37 mill. anti-tank gun, \$5,000; 37 mill. high explosive shell, \$4.54; 50 caliber machine gun (aerial), \$1,576; 105-mill. howitzer, \$25,000; Garand rifle, \$80; hand grenade, \$1.56; medium tank, \$38,500; field ambulance, \$1,200; heavy bomber, \$350,000; light bomber, \$135,000; barrage balloon, \$5,400; parachute, \$150; 20 pound air bomb, \$15; steel helmet, \$2.80; 35,000 ton battleship, \$70,000,000; torpedo, \$8,500; mine, \$400 to \$1,000; 8-in. railway gun, \$195,000; 16-in. shell and explosives, \$1,505.

DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS

LELAND R. KEYS, *Superintendent*
710 42nd Ave., San Francisco

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Since our last report we have been privileged to visit the following towns and cities: Alamo, Alturas, Burlingame, Concord, Chico, Carson City, Nev., Ceres, Centerville, Delhi, Escalon, Fallon, Nev., Gilroy, Gardnerville, Nev., Highway City, Los Gatos, Livingston, Madera, Merced, Morgan Hill, Modesto, McArthur, Monterey, Mindon, Nev., Mendota, Oakland (three assemblies), Patterson, Palo Alto, Placerville, Portola, Pacific Grove, Reno, Nev., San Francisco (two assemblies), Santa Cruz, Salinas, Stockton, Sacramento, Tuolumne, Tranquility, Vallejo, Vacaville, Watsonville, Walnut Creek, Winnemucca, Nev., Yuba City.

Twelve business meetings have been conducted, thirteen fellowship meetings attended besides installation services, men's meetings and C. A. Rallies. Assemblies visited since May 1 do not appear.

We would have you join in praising the Lord for His good hand upon the work. In many of our assemblies over the district there are definite indications of progress. Many of our fellowship meetings have been blessed these last few months in souls being saved and believers being filled with the Spirit. The days in which we live are evil but a number of the brethren report a new seeking after God among their people.

In several places the assemblies are putting up new and larger buildings or are enlarging and remodeling the ones they already have. In a number of instances the enlarging is being done because of a rapidly growing Sunday School.

One of the newest buildings in the district, still in the process of construction, is the church at Delhi. When completed it will be the largest building in town; it will seat upwards of 300 people. Already the Sunday School runs around 200.

The Home Missionary Committee recently met at Stockton. Plans are being made for using the new portable tabernacle in our district in opening up new fields to the full gospel message. Let us keep on praying and believing.—L. R. KEYS.

GENERAL COUNCIL

Last February 3, General Secretary J. R. Flower wrote a letter to each of the general presbyters asking them to be present at the General Council in Minneapolis this fall. He requested that each District bear the expenses of their general presbyters.

This appeal is inserted in the hope that each one will feel his responsibility in helping to defray the traveling expenses. Since all three general presbyters will go from this District, D.V., may we count on you for a special offering to meet this urgent need? Thank you.

CAMPGROUND MORTGAGE

Receipts from May 16 to June 20, 1941, inclusive:

E. W. Hall, Ukiah	\$ 2.00
Alta M. Fenton, Cloverdale	6.00
Mrs. A. Daske, San Leandro	10.00
Hazel Youngman, Lodi	.50
R. R. Vaughan, Oroville	10.00
B. Holmberg, Menlo Park	25.00
Pentecostal Tabernacle, Madera	15.00
T. E. Woods, Madera	15.00
Church of the Full Gospel, Berkeley	7.00
D. Q. Boyd, Morgan Hill	2.00
Hedvig Hansen, Oakland	1.00
F. L. Adams, Oakland	5.00
E. Wm. and G. Anderson, Oakland	1.00
Eric M. Johnson, San Francisco	5.00
M. Minogue, G. McMillan, Hollister	1.00
C. E. Lebeck, Yuba City	3.00
C. E. Persing, Escalon	5.00
H. T. Langley, Modesto	10.00
Mary Moore, Livingston	5.00
C. F. Rowe, McCann	2.00
A. C. Walker, San Francisco	2.50
P. E. Robertson, San Francisco	10.00
Geo. F. Wormsley, Porterville	25.00
E. and R. McBride, Susanville	1.00
Mary Savidge, Redwood City	5.00
R. J. Thurmond, St. Helena	15.00
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Keil, Latah, Wn.	2.00
Harold MacLeod, St. Helena	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Williams, Yuba City	10.00
Juan M. Lucas, Watsonville	4.00
Elizabeth Thomas, Palisade, Nev.	3.25
R. P. and F. Murray, Waterford	1.00
H. G. Rannels, Sacramento	10.00
Mrs. S. E. Shaw, Burson	2.00
C. O. Wood, Palo Alto	5.00
Geo. L. Overton, Briceland	5.00
Pentecostal Assembly, Seaside	3.00
Eleanor M. Johnson, Berkeley	5.00
First Pentecostal Church, Oakland	20.00
L. and L. Neasham, Somes Bar	15.00
Ray and Grace Davis, Burlingame	9.00
Henry Gill, Fort Seward	.50
R. J. Renfroe, Dunsmuir	10.00
Mrs. T. E. Scott, Santa Cruz	1.50
Wm. C. Ross, Tullake	2.00

Previously reported \$ 302.25

Total to date \$5,502.05

R. J. THURMOND, *Secretary-Treasurer*
P. O. Box 398, St. Helena, Calif.

TELEGRAM

The following telegram was sent to President Roosevelt, June 12:

To the Honorable President of
the United States,
White House, Washington,
District of Columbia.

The 23rd annual session of the Northern California and Nevada District Council of the Assemblies of God, with National Headquarters located at Springfield, Mo., in its opening meeting held at St. Helena, Calif., on Tuesday, June 23, 1941, was led in prayer for the President of the United States and his advisors.

Our entire constituency will continue in prayer for you in these difficult days. They believe that only the God of Nations can deliver our beloved land in this crisis.

We respectfully hope that our nation may be kept from all infidel, atheistic and subversive entanglements in this emergency now confronting her. Daniel 2:20-22.

Respectfully,
NORTHERN CALIF. AND NEVADA
DISTRICT COUNCIL OF THE
ASSEMBLIES OF GOD,
By L. R. Keys, District Supt.
R. J. Thurmond, District Secy.

CHURCHES, PLEASE NOTICE

A short time ago your District Superintendent received the following letter from one of our faithful pastors:

Dear Brother Keys:

Greetings. Following a recent conversation with another minister about the probability of attending the General Council sessions, I thought of a way that you might help to make this possible to many more of our good men.

I believe that many of our churches would help their pastors in their expenses, and not consider it a part of their vacation period, if they only thought of

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OUR CORNER

SUNDAY SCHOOL

MRS. BERNICE MAST, District S. S. Representative
Morgan Hill, California

Because this is July and because of so many news reports daily, and because of

what it just naturally in the atmosphere, we are especially and constantly reminded of defense.

Of course, at a time like this our patriotic spirit rises, and it should. We must do our part for our country. But after all, what about



Bernice Mast

defense? Without *Him* we are defenseless. God has always been America's defense. Our nation is rising to its feet in preparation. War materials, big guns, huge planes and battleships are being prepared. But it is not along our shores that we need the greatest defense; the greatest battle is being waged against our Christ and His Holy Word. This is the day of Anti-Christ.

Whose defense problem is this? Can our nation depend upon the army and navy for this? No, this is our problem. Listen, Christian worker, every effort must be made that can be made. This calls for sacrifice and traveling prayer. This calls for faith with *works*.

It is time our Sunday Schools put on "defense programs." We must, by God's grace, fortify our boys and girls against the threats of an onrushing enemy. Here is a suggestion: Put on a spiritual defense program in your church this summer in the form of a daily vacation Bible school. Make it attractive enough to draw outsiders as well as your own Sunday School boys and girls. Call it the "S.S.D. Club" (Soldiers of Spiritual Defense). Give them the gospel in the form of "orders from our great Commanding Officer, Jesus." Help them to take and to obey orders. Teach them to honor and reverence Him. Make Him their great hero. Here is a little chorus to top it off:

Some folks have to march with the
infantry,
Ride with the cavalry,
Shoot with artillery;
Some folks have to fly over Germany,
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DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS . . .

July is America's month of firecrackers, skyrockets, sparklers, etc. This 4th of July, above all others, should remind us of how fortunate we are to be living in America and how thankful we should be that we are Americans.

America, you will remember from your study of history, took God as her partner when she was founded. The Bible was her faith and daily guide. God has blessed America with many things that other nations do not have. So it seems to me, to be an American, a real American, one should be a Christian. And the best time to begin being a Christian American is now, while you are young.

You will want to be a real American in your business when you grow up. You will want a home that is Christlike; you will want a character that is like Him. And now is the time to get a good start.

Let me tell you a story to explain what I mean. Several years ago we were riding in the mountains not far from Santa Cruz, I noticed a maple tree along the wayside. It was a very tiny tree then and was growing with a number of others beneath some larger trees. I carefully lifted it from its earthy home and transplanted it to my garden.

It grew quite rapidly, but while it was still very small and young I decided to do something with it. I wanted it to be a curiosity in my yard, so I took the tiny tender limbs and tied them into knots. When the tree grew taller, I took some more of the tender limbs and tied them into knots also. The knots became a part of the tree. Now the limbs are too large and too tightly grown together to untie. It has grown that way; it must stay that way.

I think you see my idea, don't you? Habits are formed while we are young. Let's be Christian Americans! And begin now!

Praying for you,
YOUR SISTER MAST.

Biography of a saint: burning with conviction; yearning for God; learning of Christ; earning approval.

LET'S TELL A BIBLE STORY

(At the end of this story you will find a group of words. These are the words that go in the blank spaces throughout the story. See if you can make the story complete by placing the proper words in their proper places.)

_____ once told the _____
of a _____ who had 2 _____.
These 2 _____ had a very happy _____.
They had plenty of good _____
to eat; good _____ to _____
in; _____ to help do the _____.
They had _____ and _____ fields, _____,
_____, and _____, etc.

The _____ loved his 2 _____
and took good care of them. He _____
hard and saved, so the _____ could
each have a nice _____ when they
grew up.

One day the younger _____ said
to his _____, "Please give me my
part of the _____ you have saved for
me. I am growing up." So the _____
divided what he had saved between the 2 _____.

When the younger _____ received
his part, he packed up his _____ and
left his _____. He went to a far
away _____, and what did he do
but _____ all he had in _____.
After his _____ was
all gone he began to be _____, and
on top of _____, a _____
came to that far away _____.

He finally went to a _____ of that
_____ and asked for a _____,
so he could get something to _____.

A _____? Sure! . . . but doing
what? _____!
What a disgrace for a _____ like
him! . . . And do you know what he re-
ceived for his _____? The _____
that the _____ were eat-
ing! He _____ with the _____!
He had to or _____! Poor
_____!

One day he began to _____ of
_____. He thought of the good
_____ they had at _____,

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CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS

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POPULARITY

By E. WM. ANDERSON

MANY young people today have their hearts set on being popular with the crowd. Some are desirous to have the plaudits of the spectators as they engage in various athletic sports. Others want the praise of men for their musical abilities or other talents.

There was a king who sought the popularity of men even though it meant death for some Christians (Acts 12:1-3). So today we find those who call themselves Christians, desirous of satisfying their thirst for popularity and they will do or say many things to gain their selfish wish even though it may mean much harm or possible spiritual death (backsliding) to a brother or sister in the Lord.

In the ministry of Christ we notice there was a period when He was popular with the people. We read: "And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door: and He preached the word unto them." "And much people followed Him, and thronged Him." "Then came to Him His mother and His brethren, and could not come at Him for the press."

The crowds were at His feet. His name was on every tongue. No one had ever heard or seen anything like the mighty works He was doing in their midst.

The enthusiasm for Jesus burst its bonds after He fed the multitude with the five loaves and two fishes. We read in John 6:14, 15, "Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world." "When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take

Him by force, to make Him a king, He departed again into a mountain Himself alone."

Christ stood at the parting of the ways. His ministry in Galilee had been markedly successful. The zeal of His disciples, their faith in Him, their willingness to follow Him, were wondrously manifest. But Jesus saw the true meaning of it all. He knew the throngs were attracted by the spectacular, the miracles. It was a superficial, fickle crowd, ready to follow Him today and desert Him tomorrow. They were determined to make Him King, but He chose the complete will of His Father. He knew His decision would cost Him the supreme price of His life but He faced the issue with courage and faith. He left the crowd and departed into a mountain alone.

During the last war Sergeant Alvin C. York of Tennessee was awarded the distinguished Service Cross and the Congressional Medal of Honor, the rarest of American decorations, and was commended publicly before the officers of the 82nd division. He had performed what was conceded to be the most heroic feat of the entire war. He was a great soldier but his head was not turned by this praise. When he returned from France and stepped from the boat, he found a theater manager awaiting him with an offer of \$1,000 a day if he would tell his thrilling encounters while on the battlefield. His modesty and Christian faith kept him aloof from the temptation of popularity and he refused the offer.

Elijah faced possible death at the hands of the wicked Jezebel because he dared to be a true prophet of the Lord. He was not popular with the queen but he was with God. John the Baptist, the rugged messenger of truth, suffered his head to be severed from his body because he, too, dared to be a faithful servant of his God.

A striking story is told of an incident which took place in a railway station in New York. There was a large crowd of

persons desiring to go to Boston and they all had to pass through a narrow gate by the gatekeeper. Everyone had to show his ticket and, as usual, there were many who could not easily find them. They said that they had them on their person somewhere, but the gatekeeper was inexorable. "You must show your ticket," he said. There was grumbling on the part of the passengers. After the majority of them had passed through the gate, a gentleman said to the ticket collector, "You don't seem to be very popular with this crowd."

The collector just cast his eyes toward the ceiling on the floor above where the superintendent's office was located, and said, "I don't care anything about being popular with this crowd; all I care for is to be popular with the man up there."

We should be concerned with whether or not we have God's favor on our lives. To have His praise should be our chief aim. May we ask ourselves these questions: Is there a love for human praise? Is there a secret fondness to be noticed? Is there a desire for supremacy or the attracting attention to self?

Paul declared, "Not I, but Christ." The central, dominating figure in our lives should be the Christ of glory. "My son, give Me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe My ways" (Prov. 23:26).

WALKING

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death or the darkness of the grave. And expansion, passing from the lowest to the highest, from the physical body to the heavenly.

Enoch's final victory was when God took him. Paul exultantly cries in 1 Corinthians 15:54-57: "So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. . . . Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."



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STUDIES IN REVELATION

By J. NARVER GORTNER

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III. The Angel's Oath

Verses 5-7. The Angel swore that there should be no further delay, or, that time should no longer intervene between the cry of the souls under the altar and the infliction of the final blow by means of which the long-looked for age of righteousness should be ushered in, but that in the days of the sounding of the seventh trumpet the mystery of God should be finished.

1. There was to be no further delay. The martyrs had cried, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?" and they had been told "that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled" (6:10, 11). Now the time has come for their prayer to be answered. Then there was to be further delay, and they were so informed; now there is to be no further delay. The rendering in the Authorized Version is misleading, as is the rendering in the R. V., for certainly time is not to cease with the sounding of the seventh trumpet. The rendering in the American Revised Version gives us the correct sense of the inspired text, "And the angel that I saw standing upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his right hand to heaven, and swore by Him that liveth forever and ever, who created the heaven and the things that are therein, and the earth and the things that are therein, and the sea and the things that are therein, *that there shall be delay no longer*: but in the days," etc.

2. In the days of the sounding of the seventh trumpet the mystery of God was to be finished. Interpreters who teach that the church is scheduled to go through the tribulation err here. They assert that by "the mystery of God" is meant the mystery of the church. The "mystery of God" includes the mystery of the church, but it includes much more. We need not go outside of the Bible to get a definition of the "mystery of God." Paul defines it in Col. 2:2. There he tells us that the mystery is Christ. See the rendering in both the R.V. and the A.R.V. Christ did not finish His work when He came the first time. It is true that on the cross He cried, "It is finished!" but when He thus cried it was con-

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MISSIONS

• Alaska

"Morning prayer meetings are being conducted both in the church and in the homes, which are proving a blessing to all participating," is the word from Brother and Sister A. L. Calame of Wrangell, Alaska. "Bibles recently awarded to members of the Sunday School for lessons studied and for perfect attendance show evidence of bearing fruit. Now other young people and juniors are endeavoring to secure Bibles this present quarter in the same manner."

• Philippines

The annual Assemblies of God convention in the Philippine Islands was held recently, reports Brother L. E. Johnson, and it was a wonderful time of blessing and refreshing. Approximately 95 per cent of the fellowship were able to attend the meetings which were held in Santa Maria. A remarkable healing took place which proved to be the means God used to increase the interest on the part of the unbelievers of the community.

"During the testimony meeting," writes Brother Johnson, "a sister had to be carried out of the building, writhing and groaning in terrible agony from a sudden attack of lockjaw. The outsiders became very excited and it was growing exceedingly difficult to keep things in order. She was carried to her room and placed upon the bed. We then anointed her and prayed for her. Soon she relaxed and dropped off into a deep sleep. Everyone began to praise the Lord for deliverance. It was a marvelous healing. This was God's way of advertising the Pentecostal message and it was surely effective for we never had to wait for attendance after this; in fact the crowds just about knocked down the rice-arbor tabernacle. It was necessary to set guards among the throng so that they would not crowd and trample each other under foot."

• Peru

Brother and Sister L. Perkins are stationed at Huancayo, Peru. They write of their labors: "While on the coast we were kept ministering in the various assemblies. God's power was present to save, heal and baptize with the Spirit. Upon our arrival here in the Andes Mountains we met old faces who in years gone by were pillars in the church, and to see them still going on with the Lord caused inexpressible joy.

Perhaps you will remember this is the station where Mrs. Perkins labored from 1930 to 1935. The church is in a good spiritual condition but yet there are many who need the baptism. We are praying that God will again open the door for preaching on the street. Our only other public ministry is the distribution of tracts and personal work."

• Africa

Word has reached us of the safe arrival of Brother and Sister John Kennedy who sailed for Africa on May 24.

• Samoa

Brother and Sister Herman Winkelman have returned to Pago Pago, the field of their original labors for the Lord, and write: "The interest is very good. We talked with a high chief and acting district governor of the Eastern group of islands, and his heart was open to the truth. He invited us to come to his islands."

• Returning

Thelma and Elsie Simpkins will be sailing from San Francisco on July 3 for the Hawaiian Islands where they will resume their work for the Lord in that field.

CHURCH NOTICE

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it. Too, I think it is to the advantage of the church to have the pastor attend. It is a blessing to go,—it is also work,—but it is an expense that few can bear. Some assemblies do send their pastors. Could you write a letter to the Secretary of the church board in each church suggesting this consideration?

Faithfully,
(Signed) _____

We feel that by giving this letter publicity through the columns of GLAD TIDINGS greater widespread good will be accomplished. We are in hearty accord with this suggestion of the good brother who wrote the letter and we sincerely trust that those churches which are able will send their pastors to the General Council at Minneapolis. Even the smaller churches might be able to do at least something toward their pastor's expenses. Why not start a fund in your church right away for this purpose. The General Council of the Assemblies of God will convene September 3 to 10.

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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Commencement exercises were held in Glad Tidings Temple on Saturday evening, June 21. The Malachis, class of 1941, were the twenty-second class to graduate from the Institute. Fourteen hundred people came to the beautifully and appropriately decorated Temple to see the exercises. The processions began with a fanfare of trumpets; the Malachis, in caps and gowns, came down the aisles to the strains of stately music. The president of the class, Robert B. Thomas and the vice president, Mayverine G. Baker, brought warm and inspiring messages.

Ablly directed by Gaylord Atwell, the choir rendered unforgettable numbers: "Hallelujah Chorus" by Beethoven, and "Gloria in Excelsis" by Mozart. The orchestra played William Tell Overture, and the Male Chorus sang "Hallelujah, Amen" by Handel. Rachel Selstad, graduate and composer of the class song, conducted the Malachis in the singing of the song.

The diplomas were presented by Dean T. J. Jones to the following graduates: Mayverine G. Baker, Lois A. Briggs, George W. Geesv. Helen D. Boardman, Hattie M. Doop, Helen A. Fanning, G. Oliver Hall, Dollv M. Gibson, Bernice L. Huson, Dorothy A. Huson, Edith D. Huson, Allen L. Raney, Marguerite M. Kiecher, Velma M. Huttman, Clyde V. Shields, Leonard H. Leisy, Opal E. Leshner, Berdetta M. Manley, Margaret A. Woods, Robert B. Thomas, Horace W. McCracken, Rosia A. Sauer, Rachel M. Selstad, Russel E. Pratt, Gloria P. Wilson, Lucille M. Sledd, Henry H. Harris, and Orie F. Jones.

As the graduates knelt at the altar, many young people came and knelt with them consecrating their young lives to God.

ATWELLS LEAVE

Gaylord Atwell and Mrs. Atwell who have for three years faithfully served the Temple and Institute have resigned to take up labors with Pastor Guy L. Phillips of

the Full Gospel Tabernacle in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Brother Atwell was music director of the Institute. Their many friends pray that God will richly bless them in their new labors.

ALUMNI ECHOES

The second Alumni week was held in Glad Tidings Temple from Sunday, June 15 to Sunday, June 23 (Baccalaureate Service and Commencement excepted). The people of Glad Tidings Temple were glad to hear and welcome back men and women of the Alumni whom they have met in past years. Those who preached during this week were: Pastors William Savidge, C. Ely Persing, W. Skondin, Marion Minogue, W. Anderson, Harold Lehmann, and Donald G. Weston.

ANNUAL BANQUET AND BUSINESS MEETING

The annual Alumni banquet and business meeting were held in the banquet room of the Y.M.C.A. on Commencement Day. One hundred ten alumni enjoyed a turkey dinner. The oldest class represented was that of 1922 whose lone representative was Pastor E. M. Johnson. A number of missionaries were present. Introduced and welcomed to the Alumni were the graduates of 1941, the Malachis. Dean T. J. Jones and President R. J. Craig brought words of greeting and admonition. The words of Pastor Craig left a deep impression of the need for more consecration to the ministry.

There was an election of officers at which time the following officers were reelected: H. C. Warwick, president; LaVera Stevens, vice president; Wm. Weinman, secretary-treasurer.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

On Friday evening, June 20, E. A. Balliet, a graduate of the class of 1930 and former member of the North Central Bible Institute of Minneapolis, preached an inspiring baccalaureate message. Seated be-

fore him as he preached from Acts 13:36 was the graduating, Malachi, class. Brother Balliet showed how David's life was one of service and that he did this service by the will of God. The class was again impressed with the purpose and power of the high and holy calling—Christian ministry. The altar service found the entire class on their knees seeking the face of the Lord.

FACULTY CHANGE

The Glad Tidings Bible Institute welcomes to its faculty E. A. and Mrs. Balliet who come to the faculty with a fine reputation. Brother Balliet has been music director and faculty member of the North Central Bible Institute of Minneapolis for six years. Prior to his becoming a member of that faculty he was engaged in evangelistic work with J. N. Hoover. Brother Balliet is well known as a musician and vocal soloist. Mrs. E. A. Balliet is an accomplished pianist and music teacher, and she will prove a valuable addition to the Institute faculty.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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But I'm in the Lord's army!
I'm in the Lord's army! I'm in the
Lord's army!
Some folks have to march with the
infantry,
Ride with the cavalry,
Shoot with artillery;
Some folks have to fly over Germany,
But I'm in the Lord's army!

For the tune and motions to this chorus, visit our boys' and girls' department at camp in St. Helena. We'll be singing it there.

ONE MAN AND GOD

William Carey, the founder of modern missions, mastered thirty of the languages of India, and he superintended the translation of Scripture in all of them. He wrote various Indian grammars and prepared dictionaries of great excellence in Bengali, Marathi and Sanscrit. He farmed, ran an indigo factory, built printing presses, established schools and colleges, evangelized and, as a part time, engaged in botanical research. Such was the life of the London cobbler who heard the call of God and surrendered all for India.—*The Methodist Protestant*.

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nary part of the services. We would suggest a committee of two,—a man and a woman and their assistants who can take their places in the case of necessary absence.

Some of our churches pass out cards to the strangers and ask them to fill in their names and addresses. By this means the pastor has a number of "leads" which he can follow up with a view to interesting these people in Jesus Christ or in the church. This is a very excellent plan. Later these cards can be turned over to a visitation committee for follow-up work.

Dozens and scores of people are saved at our altars; many of them leave the church and that is the last we ever hear of them. It would seem only expedient for us to get the names and addresses of these people in order that we might look them up with a view to encouragement and help or any service we might render. It is one thing to work hard and faithfully for the Lord; it is another thing, and a very important matter, to conserve the results of the efforts put forth.

"Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord." Successful business firms go after their customers and keep on going after them until they succeed in getting them. Jesus said, "The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light." There is such a thing as sanctified efficiency in the work of the kingdom.

Some pastors stand at the door and welcome the people as they come in or mingle among the people in the pews before the service begins. Other brethren feel that they want to be quiet and alone with God just before going into the pulpit. This is undoubtedly the best plan, as a general rule. In that case the pastor could slip back to the door at the close of the service and greet the people, turning the ministrations at the altar over to some of the elders or deacons temporarily. Welcoming committees are good and certainly have their place but people like to meet the pastor of the church when it is possible to do so. In their minds he represents the church; and it is so.

Let us not forget the words of the sister who concluded her letter by saying, "I pray you to speak to the next stranger."

CHRISTIANS AND WAR

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it should not be our concern whether we are giving aid to an enemy, but first of all to help the suffering, allowing no excuse to enter into our minds that would stop us in our work of mercy.

How far can a Christian go? It is for everyone to make the final decision for himself and for each to be persuaded in his own heart. If, after a study of the Word of God one feels that he can join the armed forces, no one has a right to judge or to criticize; it is an individual decision. If you feel on the other hand that you cannot take any part whatsoever in the war and could not even help the sick and wounded, again the decision must rest with you; and provided there is sincerity of heart and everything else points to a genuine conscience, then such a one should be tolerated and respected for his stand. But let it be a genuine stand in each case.

You may not feel it right to be a member of the fighting forces nor yet an absolute objector, but feel that you can engage in non-combatant services. This, too, you must decide for yourself, but I would also add here, that I consider the latter to be more in accordance with the Word and will of God.

Finally, the following points must be considered by all Christians: What is my motive? Am I clear on God's Word? Is God first in my life? Will my decision interfere with my devotion and service to God?

REVELATION

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cerning the work of atonement. But for the full completion of the work He had come to do His resurrection was necessary; His ascension and mediatorial ministry also, and His coming again. His work will not be fully done until all that He came to do shall have been accomplished. He died that "He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil" (Heb. 2:14), and it is quite evident that the devil has not yet been destroyed; he still, "as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Pet. 5:8).

The work of redemption is by blood and by power. The blood has been shed; the full price has been paid; the power is to be exerted. When our Lord shall assume the role of Lion of the tribe of Judah He

will take the seven-sealed book out of the right hand of the Occupant of the throne, and, by means of the judgments under the seals, the trumpets, and the vials, He will proceed to eject the usurper and clear the stage for the setting up of the kingdom of the Son of man. Included in "the mystery of God" are the judgments of the end-time. Not until God's full purpose in Christ for this earth shall have been accomplished can it be said that "the mystery of God" is finished.

Undoubtedly by the prophets spoken of here we are to understand God's anointed messengers who have prophesied all the way down through the centuries of the dawning of that golden age when righteousness shall fill the earth, and when lawlessness shall be put down, and when truth shall prevail.

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OUR CORNER

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even the _____ had plenty! Here he was _____.

While he sat in the _____ thinking, he decided he would go back to his _____ and _____, but something worried him. What would his _____ say?

There was only one thing to do. Tell his _____ he had _____ and that he wasn't worthy of being a _____ any longer.

The _____ did go _____. And when he was almost there, his _____ came to meet him. What would happen now? His _____ him; put the best _____ on him, gave him _____ for his _____; put a _____ on his _____; and then made a great _____ for him.

That _____'s _____ pictures _____'s _____ for us!

WORDS: pig pen, father, boy, wages, boy, pigs, home, father, sinned, forgave, sleep, beds, goods, father, boy, boy, famine, sinful pleasure, pigs, eat, job, land, feeding, work, grain, son, home, father, finger, starve, ate, home, food, think, father, boy, corn husks, pigs, home, servants, starving, shoes, father, God's love, feet, feast, ring, man, Jesus, home, father's love, job, country, servants, citizen, money, hungry, country, things, waste, boys, father, home, worked, boys, father, sheep, boys, camels, home, gardens, food, cattle, sons, story, boys, robe.

A MIRACLE of Grace . . .

DOWN in Texas there is a little town of about six or seven hundred people. In that town there was a preacher by the name of Obbie Nelson. He said about twenty-five years ago, he and another young preacher went out to the Red River bottom near Gainesville, Texas. In a school yard they put up a brush arbor and held a revival. People came from everywhere. Souls were saved. A church was organized. The revival swept on. Crowds packed and jammed every available place under that humble tabernacle, that brush arbor. One morning after the service, the other preacher came running up to Brother Nelson and said, "Brother Obbie, Dummy wants to come down the aisle and give his heart to Christ." Now Dummy was the deaf and dumb son of a deacon by the name of Walker. He had been born deaf and dumb. Nelson said, "How do you know he wants to come?"

"He told me."

"How could he tell you when he's deaf and dumb?"

"He showed me."

"How did he show you?"

They walked back to where Dummy had been sitting. The other preacher said, "Dummy stood up and pointed to his heart and pointed to the sun sinking in the west, and pulled me down the aisle. We came to the front and sat down on the mourner's bench. He stood up and walked over to the pulpit and pounded his hand on that Bible, patted the Bible, and then shook hands with himself, and I knew that when the sun goes down tonight he is going down the aisle to give his hand to the preacher and kneel there at that mourner's bench."

"Where is he?"

"Right there by your buggy wheel."

They walked back there. "Dummy, do you want to be a Christian? Do you know what it means to be saved?" And Dummy opened his mouth and made an awful noise. They just stood there. What could they do? He couldn't understand them; they couldn't understand him.

After awhile the other preacher said, "Brother Nelson, take him to his daddy. Maybe his daddy can explain it."

The two preachers and Dummy got into the buggy and drove out to the farmer's house.

"Brother Walker, Dummy wants to give his heart to Christ. Will you tell him what it means?"

The old deacon turned away and looked out across the fields. In a minute he turned back, his eyes swimming with tears. He said, "Brother Nelson, I'm fifty-three. I've been a Christian since I was eleven. I've been a deacon for more than thirty years. I can tell my boy anything I want to about the farm—he'll understand me. But I can't tell him about Christ. Maybe his mother can."

They walked into the kitchen. "Mother, Dummy wants to give his heart to Christ tonight. Will you tell him what it means so he'll know what he is doing?"

The mother covered her face and sobbed. "I can tell Dummy to bring in wood and he'll understand me. I can tell him to bring in water and he'll understand it. But I can't tell him about Christ."

After a while the other preacher said, "Obbie, there's just one thing to do. Let's pray." They dropped down on their knees. One by one they all prayed except Dummy.

That night the brush arbor was packed again. Obbie Nelson stood up and preached; then gave the invitation, and the first man to come down the aisle was Dummy Walker. He didn't give the preacher his hand; he knelt right there on the ground by the side of the mourner's bench. Obbie Nelson said that he himself couldn't stand any more. He bowed his head in his hands and just stood there and wept. After a while he felt a tug at his coat. He looked up, and there was Dummy standing before him, his face and eyes shining and happy. He raised his hands and embraced the skies and brought them down to his heart, and he did it again, and pointed to the Bible and pointed to his heart. The people began to shout. They knew Jesus Christ had worked one more miracle.

"Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord, shall be saved."—Moody Monthly.